

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6) and 483A.10, the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 15, “General License Regulations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code section 483A.10 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules governing issuance of licenses. As part of these rules, the Commission is authorized to assess an administrative fee, which shall be forwarded to the Department. This fee shall be used to offset costs incurred in administering the licensing program. See Iowa Code section 455A.5(6).

This adopted amendment revises the administrative fee charged to customers for most privileges sold through the Electronic Licensing System of Iowa (ELSI) from 50 cents to \$1.50 and includes an administrative fee of \$3.65 for boat registrations and renewals. The Department has executed a new contract with its existing vendor which includes the transition to a new system (ELSI 2). ELSI 2 will incorporate new technology and will be a Web-based system. ELSI 2 will offer a number of improvements to the current system that benefit license sellers and buyers as well as the Department; for example, state-of-the-art equipment allowing for a more user-friendly sales process, speedier transactions, and improved communication with license agents, including electronic newsletters, updates and messaging. Along with the new technology and the benefits that ELSI 2 will bring, the cost of implementing the program will increase as well. For example, the fee that the Department pays to its contractor for most privileges sold will increase from 74 cents to \$1.28 per privilege. Also, the Department will pay a contractor fee of \$3.65 for boat registration, renewal, transfer, and duplicate transactions. The adopted revision will help to offset these costs as well as other administrative costs.

The adopted amendment revises language in a previous amendment to Chapter 15 adopted by the Commission on May 14, 2009, and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 17, 2009, as **ARC 7852B**. The previous amendment became effective on July 22, 2009.

Notice of Intended Action for this amendment was published in the July 1, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7923B**. A public hearing was held on July 21, 2009. There were no attendees at the public hearing and no comments were received during the public comment period. There have been no changes made to the amendment published under Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 321G, 456A, 462A, 481A, 481B, 482, 483A, 484A, and 484B.

This amendment will become effective October 14, 2009.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 571—15.4(483A) as follows:

571—15.4(483A) Administration fee. An administration fee of ~~50 cents~~ \$1.50 per privilege purchased shall be collected from the purchaser at the time of purchase, except upon the issuance of free landowner deer and turkey hunting licenses, free annual hunting and fishing licenses, free lifetime fishing licenses, ~~and free group home fishing licenses, and boat registrations, renewals, transfers, and duplicates.~~ An administrative fee of \$3.65 will be collected from the purchaser at the time of boat registration, renewal, transfer, and duplicate purchases.

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